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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] DD/P-DPD

SUBJECT: Film Preference for Mission 9030

1. Considerable qualitative analysis of the original negative from Mission 9029 was done at NPIC by representatives of pertinent contractors and by DPD and NPIC personnel. The general consensus of all concerned was that J-23 (SO 132) film produced imagery containing significantly more interpretable detail than did J-22 (SO 130) film.

2. Recognizing that on Mission 9029 the camera slit width was set for the characteristics of J-22 film, quality of the J-23 film was such as to indicate that acceptable imagery would be obtained with J-23 film at approximately the same high latitude and low sun angles which produced good quality on the J-22 film, if the slit were opened wider for Mission 9030. A possible constraint would be the point at which the slit was opened to such width that the IMC could not accommodate the effectively slower shutter speeds.

3. Based on analyses from which the general results are abstracted above, NPIC would prefer to have the Mission 9030 camera loaded with J-23 (SO 132) film.

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